

HOWARD COUNTY ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2017
Howard County Health Department, 8930 Stanford Blvd, Columbia, 21045

ADAAB MEMBERS/DESIGNEES: Rick Bergin, Mark Donovan, Robert Erhardt, Neil Gwinn, Kassy Hargadon-Zester, Cindy Johnson, Jack Kavanagh, Bruce McDonald, Ivan Montoya, Evan Nugent, Carol Robinson, Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Judge William Tucker, Jennifer Van Blarcom, and Judge Ricardo Zwaig

HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF: Seanté Hunt

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Barbara Allen, Tom Allen, Madeline Morey, Magistrate Stephanie Porter, Cindy Privitera, and John Scornaienchi

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting was called to order at 5:15 P.M. by Chair Joan Webb Scornaienchi. She welcomed the board and guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The January 18, 2017 Agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The November 16, 2016 Minutes were approved.

HC DRUGFREE PREVENTION/EDUCATION/OPIOID UPDATE: Provided by Joan

Joan met earlier in the day with eighth grade girls at Harper's Choice Middle School to discuss drugs/alcohol and transitioning to high school. The students and staff asked her to return in February to continue the conversation.

"Stressed Out? KNOW Drug Free Alternatives" is the 2017 HoCo FilmFest HC DrugFree Category topic. Winning films will be used as public service announcements.

At 7:00 P.M. tonight at Wile Lake High School, the Howard County Public School System will host the next CommUNITY program and the topic is Voices for a Drug-Free Community.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Provided by Roe

The Howard County Health Department closed the outpatient substance use disorder clinic on December 31, 2016. The Health Department continues working to expand the substance use disorder network of care in Howard County. A list of new providers was shared with the members. The revised resource guide may be located on the Health Department's website on the Behavioral Health page. The new URL which links directly to the Behavioral Health page is hchealth.org/gethelp.

Funding was secured by the Health Department to assist new and existing outpatient substance use disorder providers in opening or expanding services. Six providers were approved for awards through a request for proposal process.

Starting January 1, 2017 in Howard County, outpatient substance use disorder providers registered with Beacon Health Options may bill for services for consumers who are uninsured at the Medicaid rate.

The FY18 Program Plan and Financial Plan were discussed. Feedback and recommendations were requested. The plans are due to the Behavioral Health Administration the end of February 2017.

OVERDOSE RESPONSE PROGRAM (ORP) AND OPIOID MISUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM (OMPP)

UPDATE: Provided by Seanté

ORP Update:

The next scheduled ORP trainings are January 23rd, February and March 27th at the Howard County Health Department.

ORP trainings will also be held at the Howard County General Hospital Wellness Center every 3rd Thursday of the month. Dates and times are listed on their website.

There will be training for the peer recovery support specialists at the Health Department on brief overdose prevention to teach naloxone administration to individuals through community outreach efforts.

The Health Department has been given an opportunity to train 130 Howard County Public School System medical staff on naloxone administration on January 27th during the Professional Development Day.

OMPP Update:

Data shows that 81 Howard County prescribers have registered for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program since July 1, 2016. As of July 1, 2016, prescriber were mandated from the State to register. The Health Department has been actively informing prescribers of this mandate.

As a recommendation of the Overdose Fatality Review Team and Behavioral Health Workgroup of the Local Health Improvement Council, several county agencies are in the planning stage of creating an Interagency Data Repository. The agencies included at this point are the Health Department, Police Department, Fire & Rescue, and Detention Center. Plans are to share non-fatal and fatal overdose occurrences in real time. This will allow for the deployment of harm reduction strategies and treatment referrals and resources. Legal agreements are pending.

An Overdose Fatality Review solicitation is being sought in an effort to reach out to family members, prescribers, and health care providers of the decedents to offer support, treatment options and education.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Roe discussed ideas of how the board would like to spend \$5,000 of funding designed to the board. Some ideas were discussed and members offered additional ideas (cost to empty permanent medication drop boxes which is currently being funded by HCDrugFree and the Howard County Police Department, purchase of personal medication lock boxes, training for counselors, printing or design cost for

brochures/resource guides/cards/magnets, webpage enhancement/PSAs/tube videos). The discussion will carry to the next meeting. Attachments were sent to members to consider options.

Roe discussed plans for a Needle Exchange Program in Howard County. Baltimore City Health Department operates a program and they are willing to explore plans to operate a program in Howard County. Baltimore City Health Department was invited to a board meeting to present on the topic. Board members are interested in learning more on the benefits of such a program.

Barbara Allen shared that the 21st Century Cures Act was signed by President Obama, December 13th. This includes Biden's "Moonshot" for curing cancer (funded at \$1.6B) and funding for the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act (CARA) of \$1.1B. CARA was passed in August, 2016 without funding. The Cures Act takes care of this issue. Maryland will receive over \$10M of this funding. Granted by "formula", the Behavioral Health Administration is completing its application for submission prior to February 8th. As an entitlement, there is no approval process once the application is submitted. It is essentially "guaranteed" funds. Focus is for prevention, treatment (continuum of care, recovery services as well as "wrap around" services for things such as housing, food, education, job search support) as well as an emphasis on peer recovery program support. One interesting stipulation of this program is that those states being funded are required to show progress in at least one area within four months of receiving the funding. (Note: every state has been given their funding amounts.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting is February 15, 2017 at 5:15 P.M. at the Howard County Health Department

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 P.M.